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## DISCOVERIES AT PLATAIA IN 1889.

### III. INSCRIPTIONS FROM PLATAIA.

The following inscriptions were found at Plataia in April 1889. Those to which *R* or *T* is prefixed are edited on the basis of Mr. Rolfe's or Mr. Tarbell's copies alone.

I.—Marble stele with akroterion and two rosettes, found in the foundation-walls of the ruined church "Ἅγιος Νικόλαος, outside the city-walls, to the east. Height, including acroterium, 0.88 m.; breadth, 0.53 m.; thickness, 0.17 m.; height of letters, 0.03 m.

ΛΙΓΥΡΟΝ

Λίγυρον

The name occurs, with the regular Boiotian spelling, at Tanagra, and there also, as it happens, in the accusative (Λίγουρον: COLLITZ, 1053). For examples of the simple accusative on gravestones, see this Journal for 1889, p. 458, at the top.

Just below the ΛΙΓΥΡΟΝ a second inscription is carelessly cut by another hand, and probably at a considerably later date. The letters are about 0.02 m. in height.

ΕΠΙ  
ΟΡΩΑΕΔΕΙ

Repeated examination of the stone and of a squeeze has convinced us that this reading is certain in every letter. That there were other letters at the beginning or end of the last line is not impossible, but no distinct traces of any can be seen. This line should give a proper name, but is wholly unintelligible to us.

II.—R. Slab of coarse marble, found in same church. Height, 0.64 m.; breadth, 0.51 m.; thickness, 0.25 m.; height of letters, 0.05 m.

ΕΠΙ  
ΣΩΤΑ

Ἐπὶ  
Σωτᾶ

III.—Marble block, found in the most western of the ruined churches within the walls of Plataia. Height, 0.335 m.; length, 0.94 m.; thickness, 0.525 m.; height of letters, 0.0475 m. The block had been hol-

lowed out into a trough on the reverse side. On one of the narrow sides is a builder's mark, Ξ.

ΗΠΟΛΙΣ ΗΡΩΙΣΣΑΝ  
ΜΟΣΧΕΙΝΑΝΑΡΙΣΤΙΩΝΟΣ  
Ἡ πόλις ἡρώσσαν | Μοσχέιναν Ἀριστίωνος

"The city (erected this statue of the) heroine (*i. e.*, demi-deified lady) Moscheina, (daughter) of Aristion."

IV.—R. Part of marble block, hollowed out into a trough on the inscribed side; found in same church. Height, 0.53 m.; length, 0.77 m.; thickness, 0.7 m.; height of letters, 0.03 m.

ΑΝΔΡ	ἀνδρ-
ΕΛ	ἐλ-
ΤΥΜΕ	τύμ(β)[ο-
ΚC	κο-

Fragment of sepulchral distichs.

V.—T. Block of white marble, found in central apse of same church. The upper right-hand corner and the lower end are gone. The front is ornamented with a simple panel. The inscription is at the top. Height, 1.16 m.; breadth, 0.4 m.; thickness, 0.16 m.

ΥC TONIG	Υς τὸν [τῶν
ΚΑΝΚΕΛΛΩΝΚΟΛ	κανκέλλων κό[σ-
ΜΟΝ	μον

"For the adornment of the screen."

The first two letters are twice as high as the rest. The spelling υς for εἰς would point to a date not earlier than the ninth century A. D.<sup>1</sup>

VI.—R. Marble slab, found in pavement of same church.

Ε	Ἐ[πὶ
ΚΑΛΛΙ	Καλλι-

VII.—T. Fragment of white marble, found in a heap of stones near this church; complete at top, surface chipped away to the extent of three or four letters at left, broken off at right and below; letters very indistinct. Height, 0.26 m.; breadth at top, 0.26 m.; thickness, 0.06 m.

<sup>1</sup> BLASS, *Aussprache d. griech.* (3), p. 42, Note 108<sup>a</sup>.



πάντες γάρ σε βροτοὶ ζῶσαν θε[ὸ]ν ἰλάσκοντο,  
 νῦν δὲ σέβουσι νόσφ' κηρί] τε δαμναμένην,  
 τύμβον ἀγαζόμενοι δῆλο]ν πάντε[σσ]ιν ὁδεΐταις,  
 τοῦ γαμέτης στυγναῖς χερσὶν] ἔκλεισε [θ]ύρας.

X.—T. Marble block, found in same position as No. IX; broken off at the right. Height, 0.51 m.; length, 0.51 m.; thickness, 0.13 m.

Ε Ν Π  
 Π Ο  
 Ο C Μ Ε  
 Θ Η

The beginnings of distichs, similar to the foregoing.

XI.—Marble stele, with anthemion and rosettes; found in same church. Height of letters, 0.35–40 m., and, in fourth line, 0.25–30 m.

*Above the rosettes:*

Ε Π Ι  
 Α Φ Ρ Ο Δ Ι C Ι Α

Ἐπὶ  
 Ἀφροδισία

*below the rosettes:*

Δ Ι Ο Ν Υ C Ι Ο Υ  
 Α Θ Α Ν Ι Χ Α

Διονυσίου.  
 Ἀθανίχα.

“Over Aphrodisia, (daughter) of Dionysios.”

The name *Athanicha* was added subsequently.

XII.—T. Marble fragment, found in same church.

Τ Υ Χ Ι Κ Ο Υ C  
 C Μ Ο Ν

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